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SUBJ: ICRC STATUS IN ANGOLA

REF: A) GENEVA 9184; B) STATE 296465

HA COUNSELOR AND MISOFF MET WITH DELEGATE GENERAL SCHMIDT WHO RETURNED FROM AFRICA DEC 21.

1. SCHMIDT REPORTED THAT ICRC LOGISTICAL OPERATIONS WILL NO LONGER BE PERMITTED IN ANGOLA (REF A). ALL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE WILL ASAP BE SHIPPED TO ANGOLA FROM KINSHASA AND/OR BRAZZAVILLE.

2. IN VISIT TO UGANDA SCHMIDT INFORMED GENERAL AMIN OF ANGOLAN DECISION AND ASKED FOR OAU SUPPORT. SUCH SUPPORT WOULD DISABUSE ANGOLANS OF ANY SUSPICIONS ABOUT ICRC ACTIVITIES. AMIN INVITED AND SCHMIDT ACCEPTED INVITATION TO ATTEND OAU SESSION IN ADDIS BEGINNING JAN 10 AND PRESENT ICRC CASE. AMIN ALSO RECOMMENDED ICRC INFORM MOBUTU (ZAIRO) AND GOVT OFFICIALS IN BRAZZAVILLE OF DESIRE FOR ICRC OPERATIONS TO BE PLACED IN THEIR COUNTRIES.

3. SCHMIDT SAID THAT ICRC ANGOLA PROGRAM IS

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OPERATING WITH A CURRENT DEFICIT OF SF 1 MILLION.

THE AGENCY WILL LAUNCH ANOTHER APPEAL FOR FUNDS
END OF JANUARY. NEW BUDGET WILL ALSO BE PREPARED.

4. IN MEANTIME PROGRAM CONTINUES WITH 3 MEDICAL TEAMS
(2 SWISS, 1 SWEDE) IN ANGOLA, PROVIDING
SERVICES TO BOTH SIDES OF CONFLICT. MEDICAL SUPPLIES
CURRENTLY BEING SHIPPED FROM GENEVA, VALUED AT
500,000 SWISS FRANCS OVER PAST FOUR MONTHS.

5. SINCE NEW APPEAL WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL LATE
JAN, DEPT MAY WISH TO DEFER DECISION OF
US FUNDING. ALSO OAU SESSION MAY PROVIDE
INSIGHTS REGARDING ADDITIONAL US CONTRIBUTIONS. DALE

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